Dear GEMS Facility Contact,

You are being sent this message because you are listed as a contact within the Wisconsin DNR's Groundwater and Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS). Please reply directly to this message if you are no longer a contact for a GEMS monitored facility.

This is a reminder that you must use Wisconsin DNR-certified laboratories to test most of the environmental samples you collect for your waste management facility. The laboratories must be certified for the proper test categories in s. NR 149.04, Wis. Adm. Code. This is required by s. NR 507.17(5), Wis. Adm. Code (www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr507.pdf).

For your information, we recently sent the following message to DNR-certified laboratories that do testing for Wisconsin waste management facilities:

This email serves to notify you that the Wisconsin DNR will soon begin a more comprehensive screening process which will filter electronic data files you submit to the Waste and Materials Management program's Groundwater and Environmental Monitoring System (GEMS). We will screen for proper laboratory certification as the data is uploaded into our database. Laboratory FIDs associated with submitted data will be automatically crosschecked to the DNR's laboratory certification database. The department will contact laboratories submitting data without proper certification so they can work with the Laboratory Certification Program to resolve the problem. The new screening process will be used to verify all incoming data submitted after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007, however you may be contacted at any time concerning laboratory failure irregularities found in submissions prior to this date.

In the past, many certification errors turned out to be reporting errors in which the laboratory submitting the data subcontracted analyses, but supplied their own identification number instead of the subcontract laboratory's FID.

If you have questions related to laboratory certification, please contact Diane Drinkman at (608) 264-8950 or Diane.Drinkman@Wisconsin.gov. If you have questions related to electronic submittal of data to the Waste and Materials Management program, contact Mike Solomon at (608) 266-0867 or Mike.Solomon@Wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

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